

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Michael C. Stewart

Serial No.: 10/602,490

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For: INTEGRATED VESSEL LIGATOR
AND TRANSECTOR

Group Art Unit: 3731

Examiner: Nguyen, VI X

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

According to the Notice of Allowance mailed on August 26, 2009, claim 1 is allowable because it recites “. . . an electrode disposed above and below the slotted opening and operable at one, and wherein . . .” However, Applicant respectfully notes that claim 1 actually describes that the electrode is “operable at one or opposite polarity.” Thus, claim 1 should be allowable for what it recites.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Vista IP Law Group’s Deposit Account No. 50-1105, referencing billing number **MAQ 06-00550US06**. The Commissioner is authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any underpayment to Vista IP Law Group’s Deposit Account No. 50-1105, referencing billing number **MAQ 06-00550US06**.

Respectfully submitted,

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